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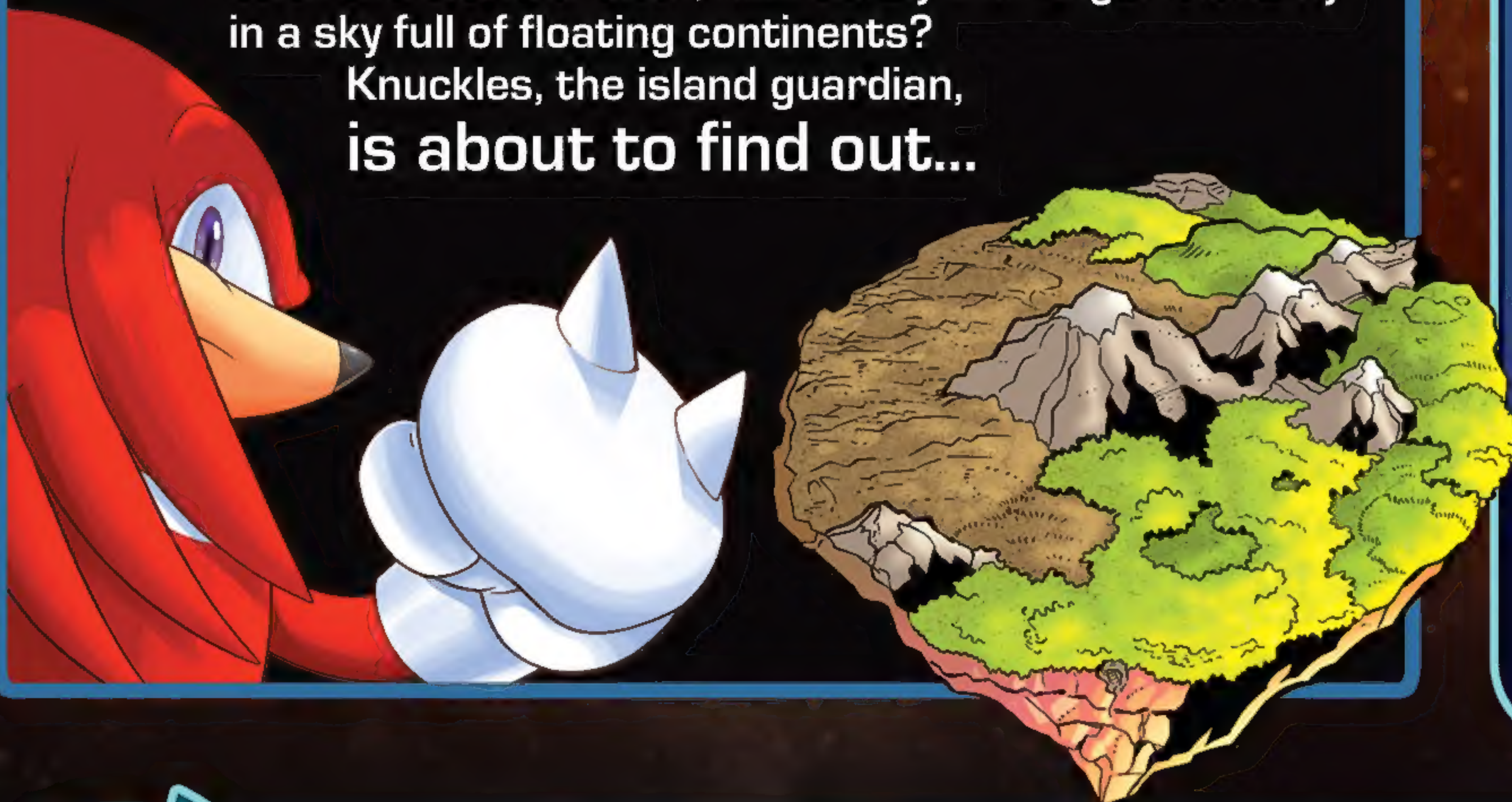


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is about to find out...



## WHO'S WHO



**KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA**  
THE LAST ECHIDNA



**RELIC THE PIKA**  
ARCHAEOLOGIST



**TEAM CHAOTIX**  
(VECTOR, ESPIO, CHARMY)  
FREELANCE DETECTIVES

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SHRINE ISLE,  
ANGEL ISLAND

WHY.

IS.

MY.

ISLAND.

SIDEWAYS?!

SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS  
--ZERO HOUR\*

# RRRUMBLE

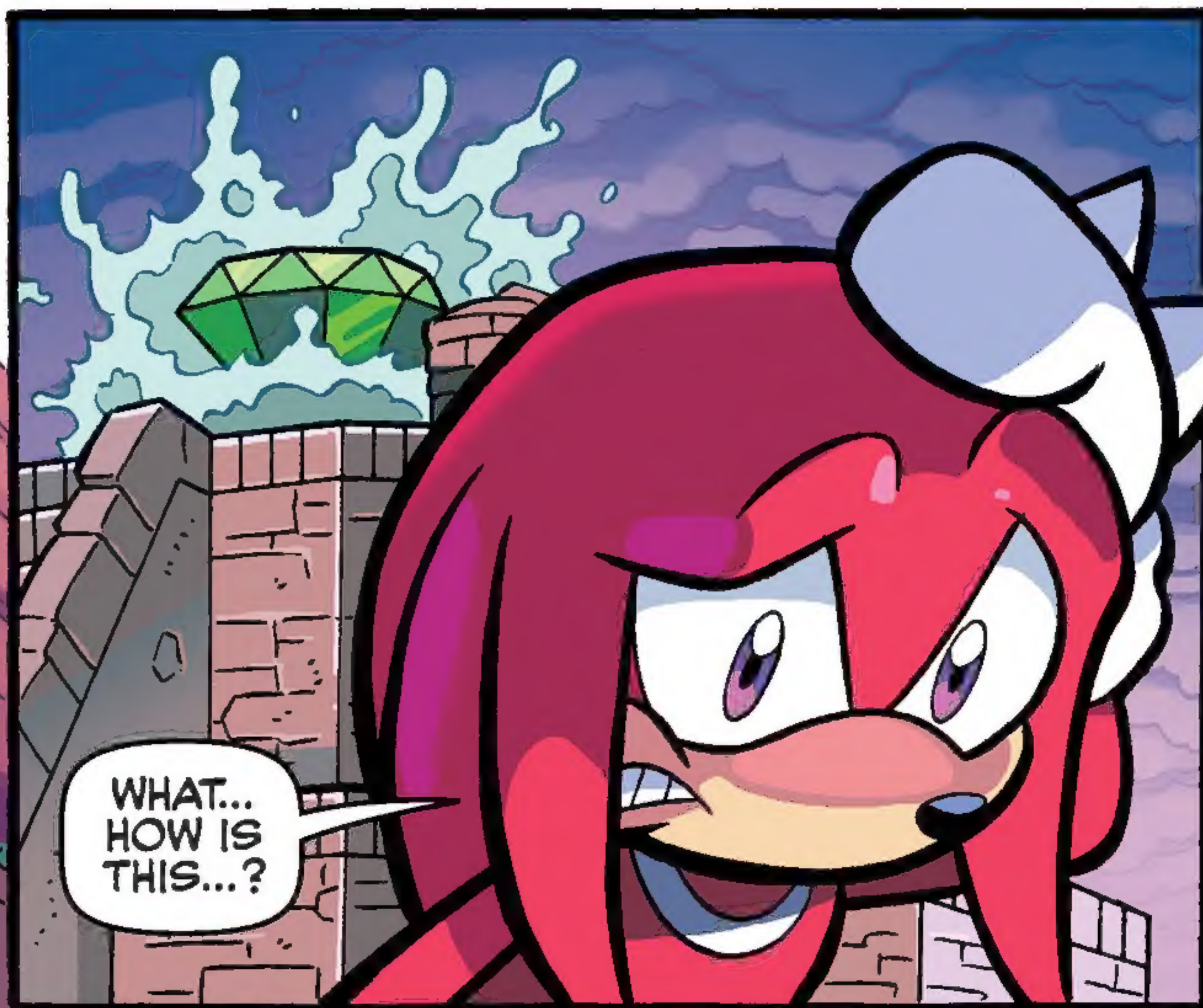
**KNUCKLES**  
the ECHIDNA  
LAST GUARDIAN  
OF THE MASTER  
EMERALD

## THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

PART ONE: **ON THE HUNT**

\*EDITOR'S NOTE:  
SEE STH 253-256  
FOR THE FULL  
SCOOP ON THE  
SHATTERED WORLD  
CRISIS!

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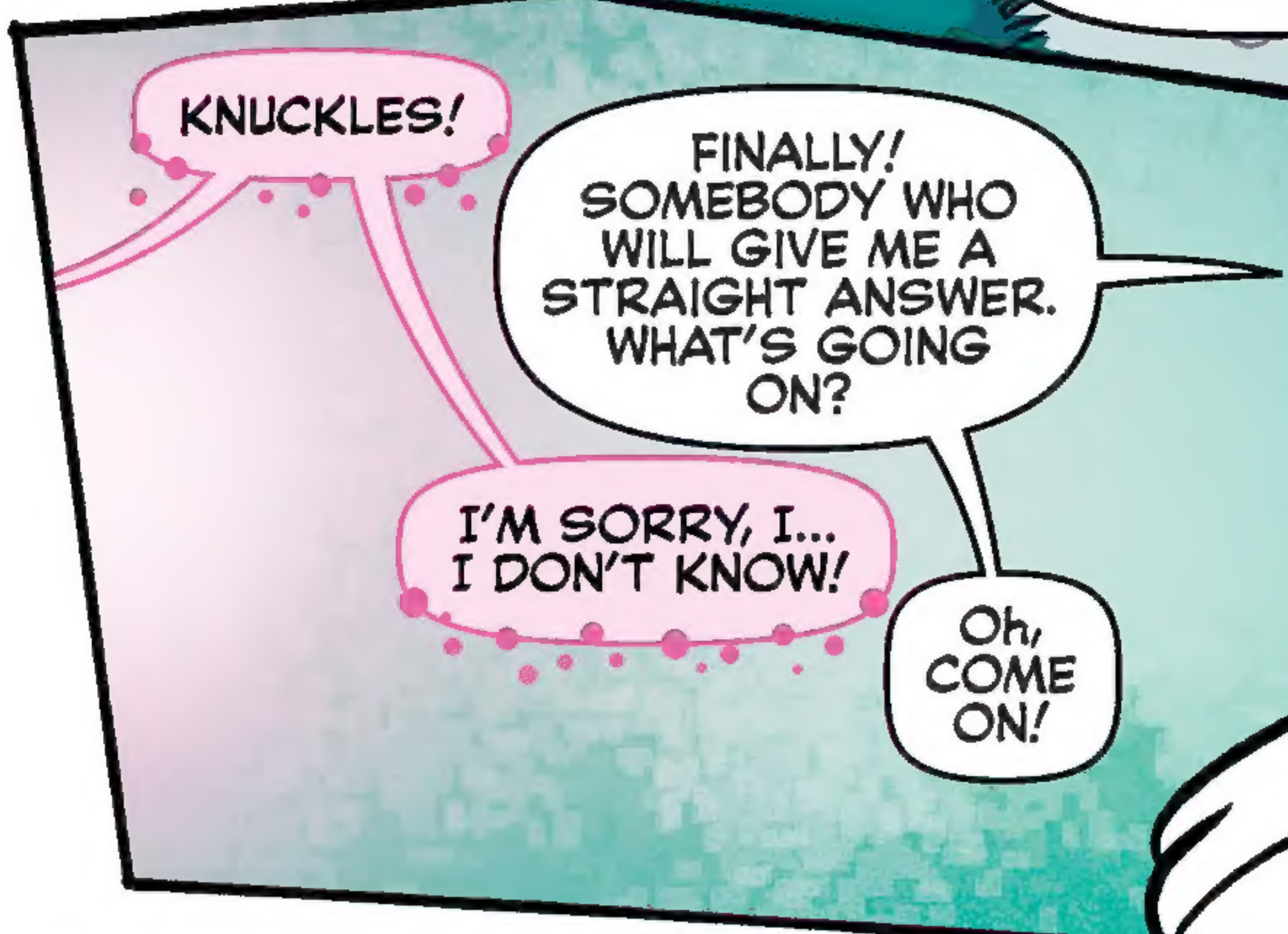
WHAT... HOW IS THIS...?



WHA-- HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PLANET?!

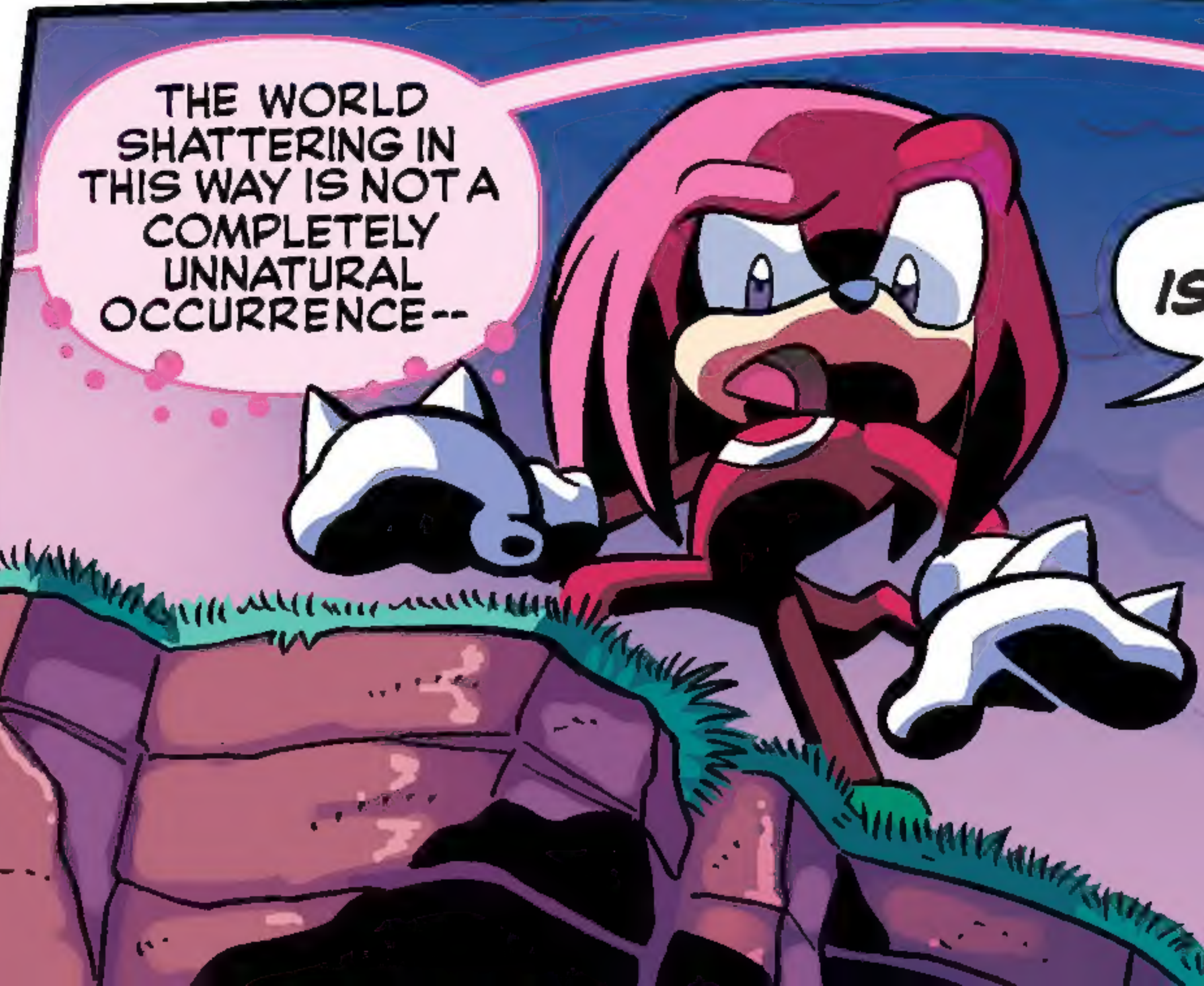


KNUCKLES!

FINALLY! SOMEBODY WHO WILL GIVE ME A STRAIGHT ANSWER. WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'M SORRY, I... I DON'T KNOW!

Oh, COME ON!



THE WORLD SHATTERING IN THIS WAY IS NOT A COMPLETELY UNNATURAL OCCURRENCE--

IT ISN'T?!

--BUT IT HAPPENING LIKE THIS, RIGHT NOW, IS WRONG. A POWERFUL SPIRIT IS MEANT TO HELP IN THIS SCENARIO, BUT I FEAR SOMETHING HAS GONE AWRY...

"I BELIEVE THE SPIRIT *HAS* MANIFESTED, BUT HIS PRESENCE IS...WEAK. IN HIS CURRENT STATE, HE MAY BE UNABLE TO HELP!"

LAUNCH BASE ZONE,  
ANGEL ISLAND

"THEN I'LL HEAD DOWN TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SURFACE. I'LL FIND THIS SPIRIT, AND THEN YOU TWO DO YOUR WORLD-SAVING THING..."

...BUT I'LL NEED SOMEONE WATCHING THE MASTER EMERALD WHILE I'M GONE..."

HELLO?  
CAN ANY-ONE...?  
Oh, *DASH* IT ALL!



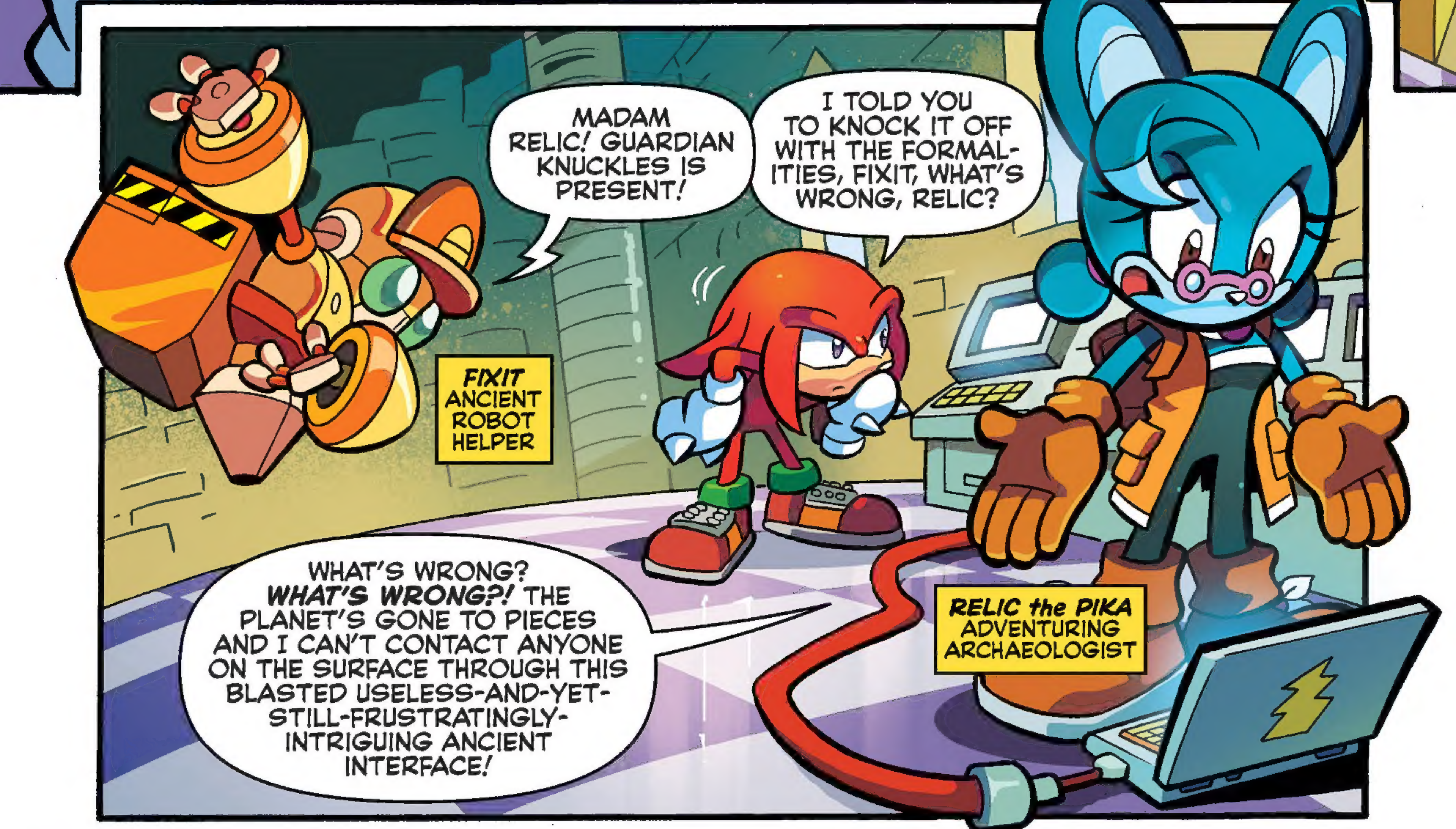
MADAM RELIC! GUARDIAN KNUCKLES IS PRESENT!

I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF WITH THE FORMALITIES, FIXIT, WHAT'S WRONG, RELIC?

FIXIT  
ANCIENT  
ROBOT  
HELPER

RELIC the PIKA  
ADVENTURING  
ARCHAEOLOGIST

WHAT'S WRONG?  
*WHAT'S WRONG?!* THE PLANET'S GONE TO PIECES AND I CAN'T CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE THROUGH THIS BLASTED USELESS-AND-YET-STILL-FRUSTRATINGLY-INTRIGUING ANCIENT INTERFACE!



I MEAN, I WAS ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY ANCIENT DATA LOGS THAT MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON FIXIT HERE. BUT IT SEEMS EGGMAN OVERWROTE MOST OF THE DATA WHEN WE LANDED, FIXIT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT, AND I'M *GHASTLY* AT COMPUTERS...

...SO I'M STANDING HERE LOOKING LIKE AN ABSOLUTE FOOL, UNABLE TO SEE IF ANYONE IS... IS...

I'M BABBLING AGAIN, AREN'T I?

A LITTLE. BUT IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THINGS ARE A LITTLE CRAZY.

"A LITTLE CRAZY" HE SAYS...



\*SONIC ADVENTURE 2: BATTLE-- THE GAME

IS THE ISLAND IN DANGER? EXPERIENCING IT FALLING INTO THE OCEAN WAS TERRIFYING ENOUGH,\* BUT WITH THE WORLD SUCH AS IT IS...

NO, THE ISLAND SEEMS TO BE OKAY FOR NOW. IF ANYTHING, YOU'RE PROBABLY SAFEST HERE.

HA! THEN I CHOSE A BRILLIANT TIME TO FIND MY WAY HERE WHEN I DID, DIDN'T I?

YEAH, AND IT'S A GOOD THING YOU CONVINCED ME TO LET YOU STICK AROUND. Y'SEE, I NEED... *ahem* I NEED YOUR HE... YOUR HEEEEH...

TAKE YOUR TIME, USE YOUR WORDS.



...I NEED YOUR HELP WATCHING OVER THE MASTER EMERALD...



ARE YOU QUITE SERIOUS?!

Y-YEAH. MAYBE FOR A DAY OR TWO. I'M NEEDED ELSEWHERE AND I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HUNT DOWN ANYONE ELSE.



Ah, SO I'M YOUR LAST RESORT. LOVELY BACK-HANDED COMPLIMENT.

N-NO! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE...



Oh, SHUSH--I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT. THE WORLD IS AT STAKE, AND I'M HONORED YOU THOUGHT TO TURN TO ME. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, DEAR SIR.



AND LOWLY ME AS WELL, GUARDIAN, SIR.

THANKS. AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE JUST WATCHING IT--



NO TOUCHING THE MASTER EMERALD--I KNOW, I KNOW. IT SHAN'T LEAVE MY SIGHT!

PUMPKIN HILL ZONE--  
DAYS LATER

I HOPE THINGS  
ARE QUIET ON THE  
ISLAND. I *HATE* BEING  
GONE SO LONG...

YOU'D THINK  
FINDING A SPIRIT  
TIED TO THE WORLD'S  
HEALTH WOULD BE  
*EASY*. EVEN IF HE *IS*  
WEAKENED, JUST  
HOW "WEAK" CAN  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT *BE*?

MY SPECIALTY IS  
FINDING *TREASURE*,  
NOT SPIRITS. BUT  
THEN AGAIN, GIVEN ALL  
THE SUPERNATURAL  
STUFF I'VE DEALT  
WITH, I GUESS I *AM*  
PRETTY QUALIFIED  
FOR THE JOB.

THIS DUTY WAS  
ENTRUSTED TO ME.  
THE WORLD *NEEDS* TO  
BE RESTORED. SO I'D  
BETTER GET TO  
FINDING THAT SPIRIT,  
AND NOT GET  
SIDE-TRACKED...

WHAT IN THE  
WORLD...?



**SNAR!**



**OK**



**RAUR!**



**ROOAAAARRRR!**





# YOWL!!

**ESPIO the CHAMELEON CHAOTIX NINJA**

DA-DA-DA-DA!  
CHAOTIX TO THE RESCUE!

**CHARMY BEE CHAOTIX FLYER**



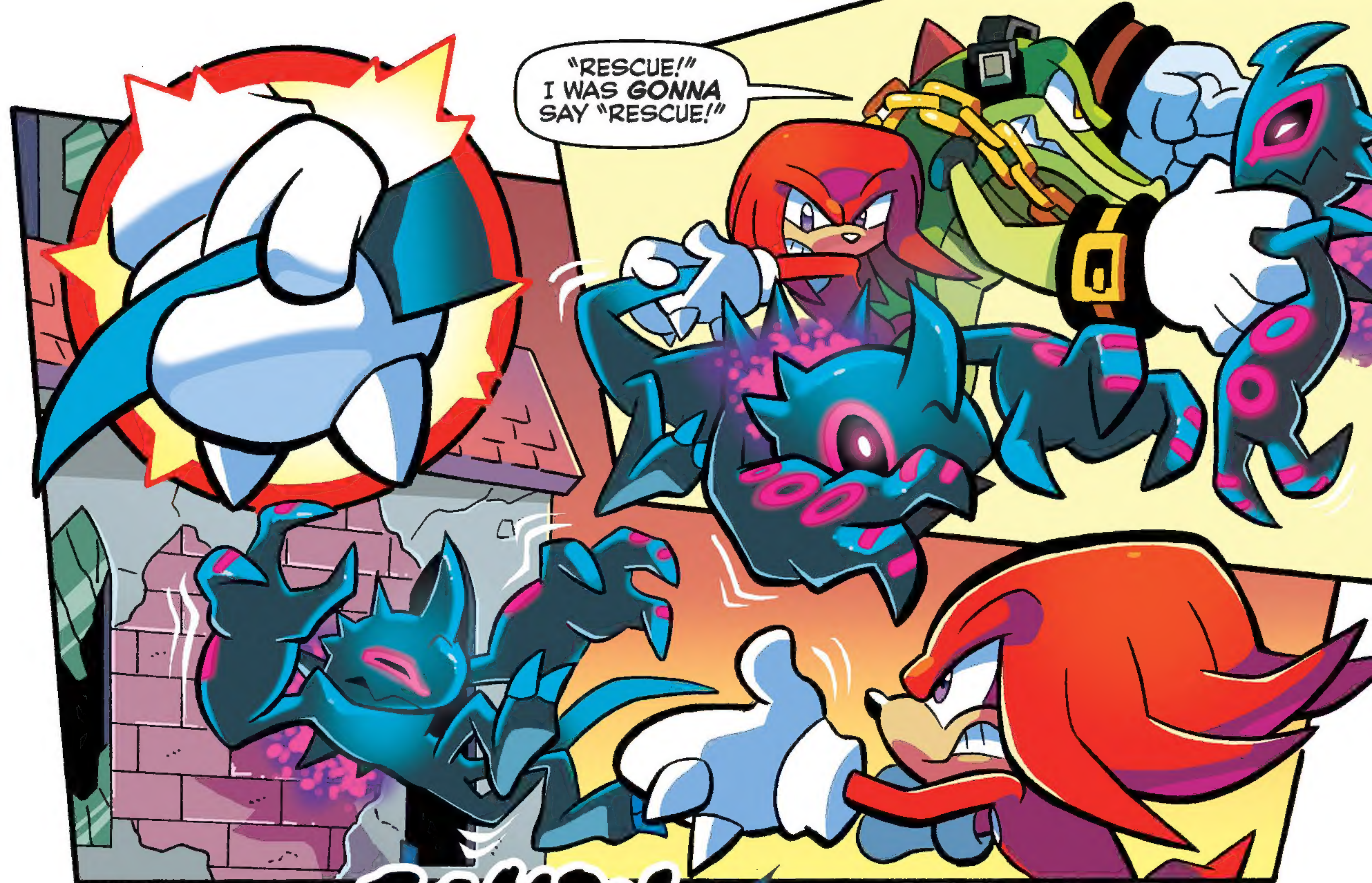
HOW'S THIS FOR A PERFECTLY TIMED--?

**VECTOR the CROCODILE CHAOTIX LEAD DETECTIVE**

# SNARL!

WHOA!  
HEY!!

# HISSES



"RESCUE!!  
I WAS GONNA  
SAY 'RESCUE!!'"

**BOMPH**



YEAH!  
WE DID  
IT!



YES.  
WE DEFEATED...  
WHATEVER  
THOSE THINGS  
WERE.

MONSTERS,  
OBSOLETELY.





OF COURSE. HOW SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE OF YOU.

HEY THERE, VEC. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE THREW DOWN TOGETHER. THANKS FOR THE SAVE.

ALL PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE.



...FIGHTING CREEPY-CRAWLIES IS PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE?

"TO SERVE AND PROTECT," CHARMY.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE POLICE?



WAIT! ARE WE POLICE NOW? I WANT A DONUT! I-- **MMPH!!**



SO...WORLD SPLITS APART, MONSTERS ARE POPPING OUT OF NOWHERE, AND NOW YOU'RE OFF YOUR ISLAND. WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL THE WAY OUT TO PUMPKIN HILL?

I'M ON A MISSION.



IT MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT IF YOU LEFT THE MASTER EMERALD UNGUARDED.

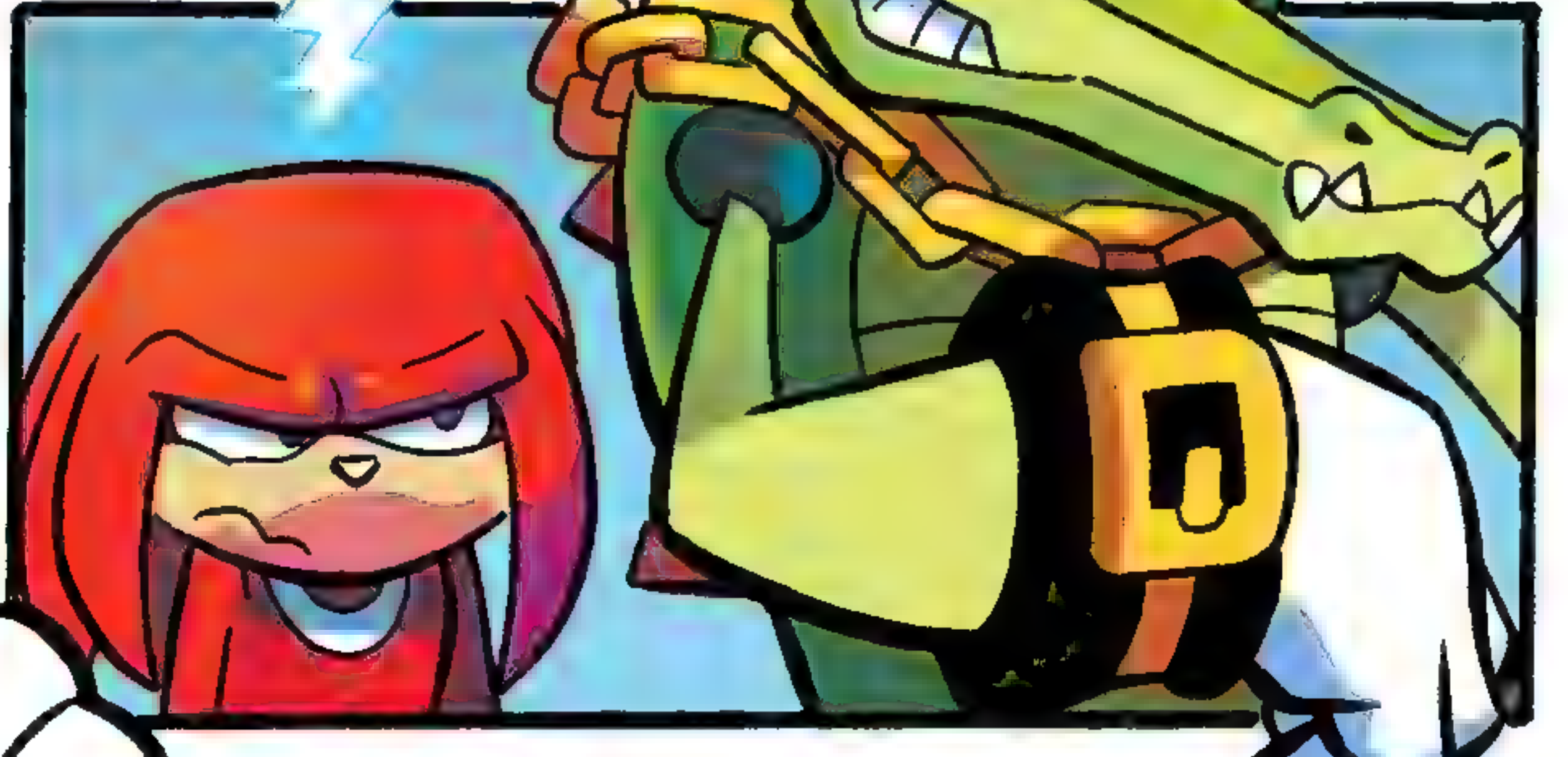
IT *IS* IMPORTANT-- BUT WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT UNGUARDED?

WELL...WHO ELSE *IS* THERE? MIGHTY AND RAY ARE OFF ON ANOTHER ADVENTURE, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM IN A WHILE. SO...

Ah...YOU GUYS HAVEN'T MET HER YET...



**HER?** Ooooh! KNUCKLES HAS A NEW BUDDY ON HIS FLYING PARADISE! YOU SLY 'KIDNA! IS SHE CUTE? Eh? Eh?



*sigh* SO. WHAT BRINGS YOU THREE OUT HERE? WE SEEM TO BUMP INTO EACH OTHER AT THE WORST TIMES.



WE WERE HIRED BY THE PRINCESS SALLY TO HELP TRACK DOWN THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND SAVE THE WORLD. **THAT'S RIGHT!** THE THE WORLD-FAMOUS FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIRED **US** TO PICK UP THEIR SLACK!

**Pffff!** BWA-HA-HA! YEAH, RIGHT! SALLY ASKED US TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD AND VECTOR **BEGGED** FOR A ROYAL HAND-OUT!



WE'RE STILL NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT!



**AH HA HA!** LIKE WHETHER OR NOT YOU GET MAYO ON YOUR REWARD SANDWICH? **HAHAHA!**

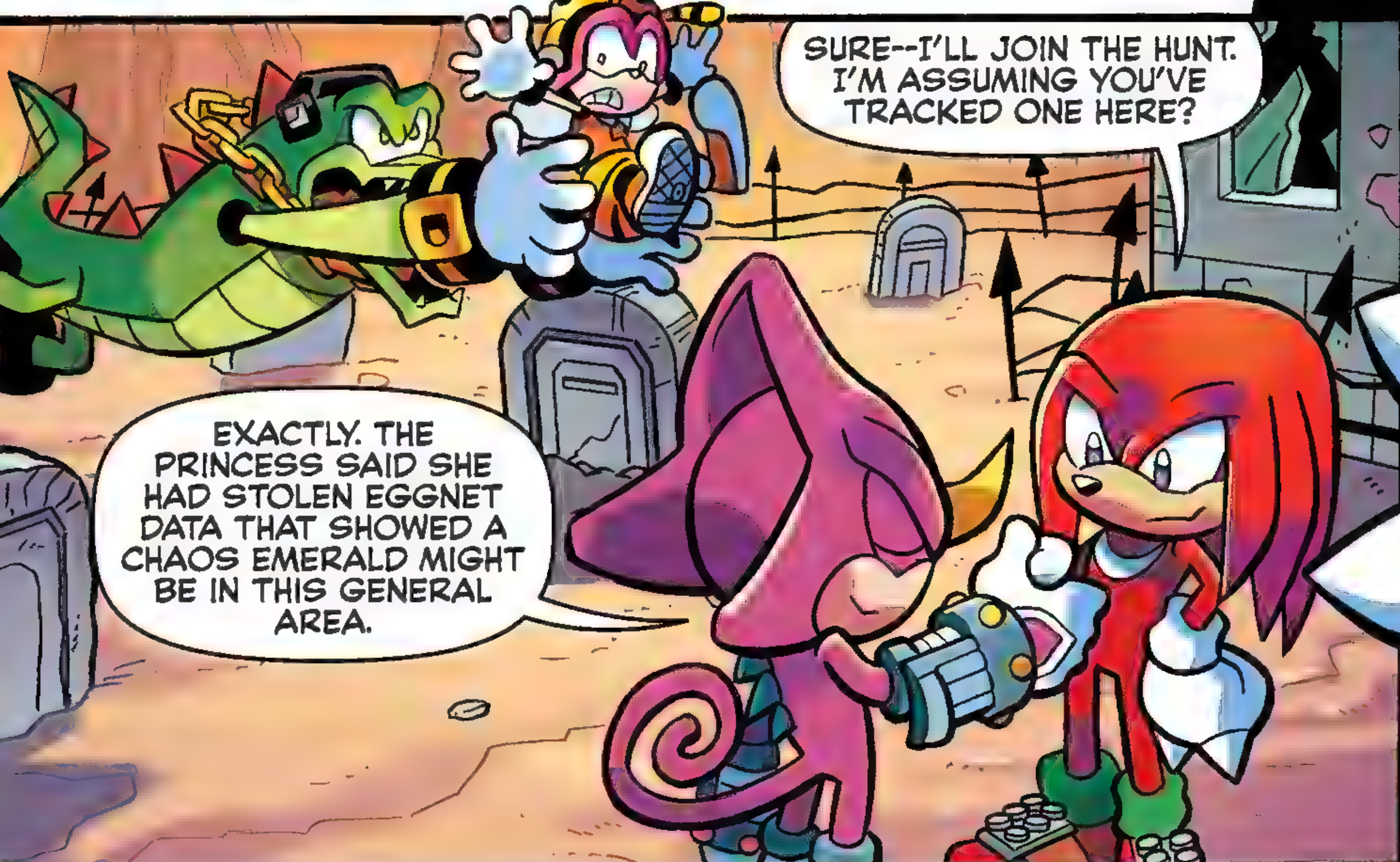


ANYWAY--YOU'RE A SEASONED TREASURE HUNTER, AND YOU'VE GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS THAN THE THREE OF US COMBINED.

SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TEAM-UP AGAIN AND HELP US LOOK?

...IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAY THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE NEEDED TO SAVE THE WORLD, THEN THE EMERALDS MIGHT HAVE A CONNECTION TO THE SPIRIT I'M LOOKING FOR.

AND IT'D MAKE SENSE FOR A POWERFUL SPIRIT TO BE DRAWN TO THE EMERALDS' POWER...



SURE--I'LL JOIN THE HUNT. I'M ASSUMING YOU'VE TRACKED ONE HERE?

EXACTLY. THE PRINCESS SAID SHE HAD STOLEN EGGNET DATA THAT SHOWED A CHAOS EMERALD MIGHT BE IN THIS GENERAL AREA.



THEN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE ITS POWER. LET'S SEE...



YEAH... THERE IT IS! AND...IT SEEMS TO BE MOVING...

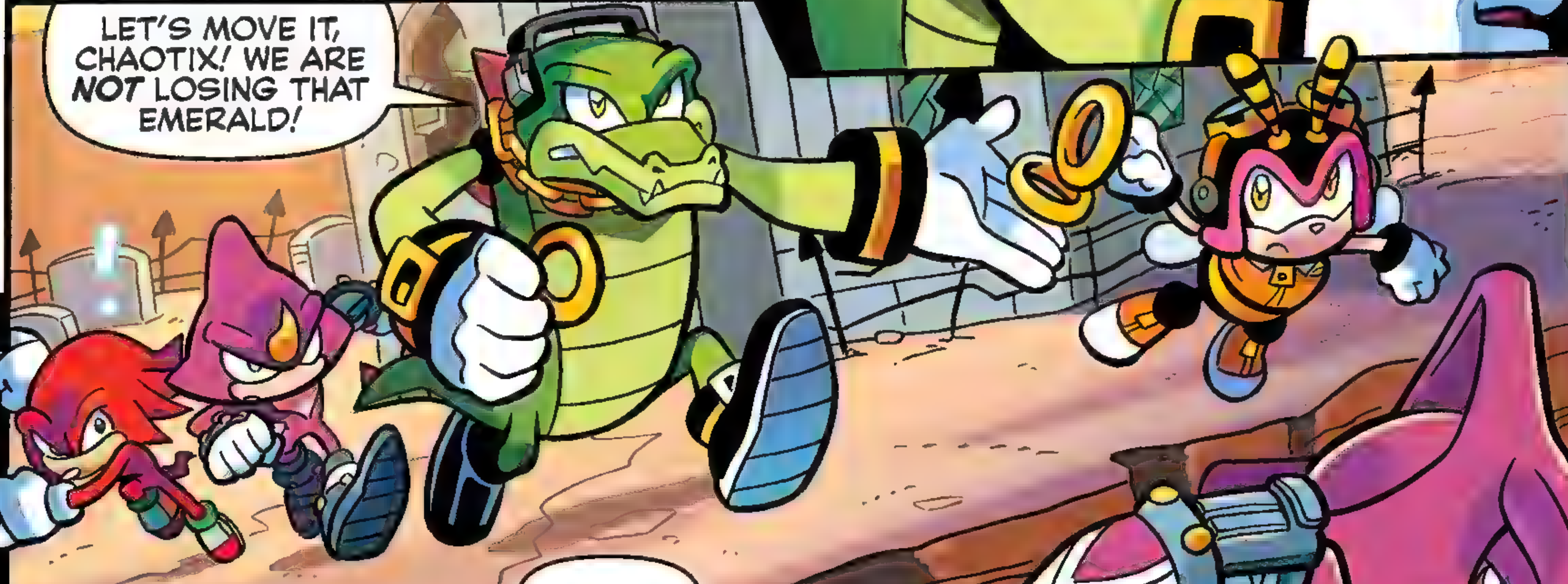


WAIT--  
MOVING?!

Oh, NO!  
DO YOU THINK  
THEY BEAT US  
TO IT?!

WHICH WAY IS  
IT HEADING?!

SOUTH,  
IT FELT  
LIKE.



LET'S MOVE IT,  
CHAOTIX! WE ARE  
NOT LOSING THAT  
EMERALD!



WHY THE  
SUDDEN  
RUSH?

OUR OWN  
INTELLIGENCE SHOWED  
DR. EGGMAN'S FORCES  
ARE BUSY DEALING WITH  
THE SHATTERED WORLD  
CRISIS.


SO HE'S HIRED A  
BAND OF MERCENARIES  
TO FIND THE CHAOS  
EMERALDS FOR HIM.



SO THEY  
MIGHT BE THE  
REASON THE  
EMERALD IS ON  
THE MOVE.


AND ANY PLAN  
EGGMAN WANTS THE  
EMERALDS FOR CAN'T  
BE GOOD.

WE'RE  
GETTING IT  
FIRST!!




BRRR! I THOUGHT THAT GRAVEYARD WAS CREEPY, BUT THAT TRAIN IS GIVING ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES TOO!

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. THE GHOSTS MIGHT JUST IGNORE US.



Oh, HA-HA, KNUCKLES. TRYIN' TO SCARE ME WITH GHOST STORIES.

NO, I'M SERIOUS. THIS REGION IS **CRAWLING** WITH ANGRY SPIRITS.



SURE, THERE ARE GHOSTS IN THE RUINS OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE, TOO, BUT THE ONES HERE ARE--



AAAAAHH!!  
GHOSTS!!



GAH!



"LET'S USE THE SLING RINGS" YOU SAID! "USE THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE ON HAND" YOU SAID!

YOU'D PREFER HANGING FROM CHARMY'S FEET? TRUST OUR COMBINED WEIGHT TO A TEN KILOGRAM BEE?

FEET ARE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN MAGIC-RING-SPARKLES!



CAN WE SAVE THE BICKERING FOR LATER?

WE NEED TO FIND CHARMY AND GET BACK TO FINDING THE EMERALD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.



WHAT'S STOPPING US FROM LEAVING HIM BEHIND?

THE FACT THAT WE'D BE ABANDONING A CHILD IN A DARK, inhospitable CANYON FULL OF GHOSTS, MONSTERS, AND MERCENARIES WHO ARE ON EGGMAN'S PAYROLL?



YEAH, WELL, I'M NOT SHARING MY REWARD SANDWICH WITH HIM, THAT'S FOR SURE.



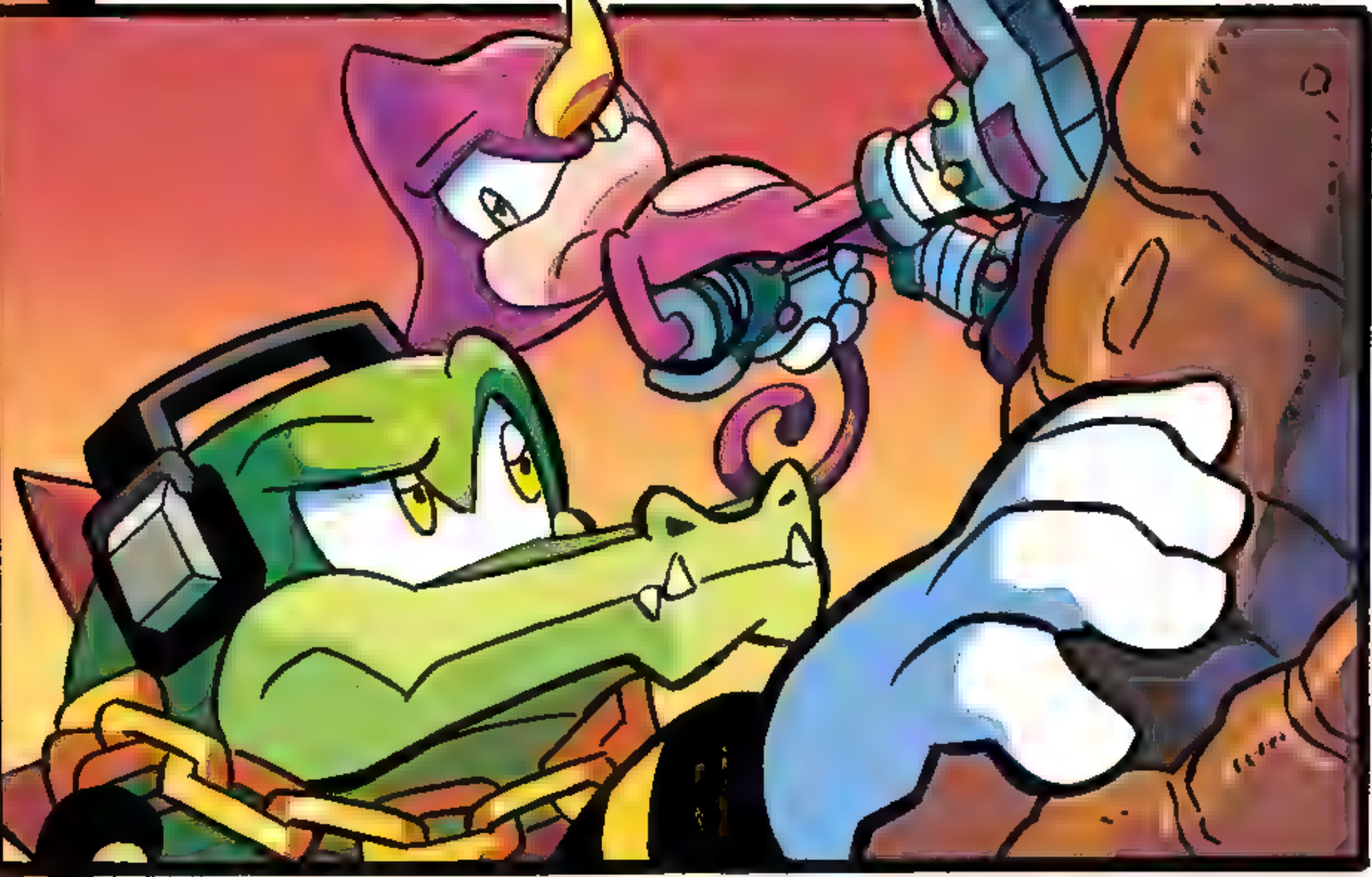
AND THIS IS PARTLY YOUR FAULT, KNUX! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO START JOKING ABOUT GHOSTS?!

I WASN'T! YOU'VE SEEN GHOSTS, TOO.\* WHY DO YOU THINK I'M MAKING THEM UP?

IT'S JUST... HERE? FOR REAL?

YES!

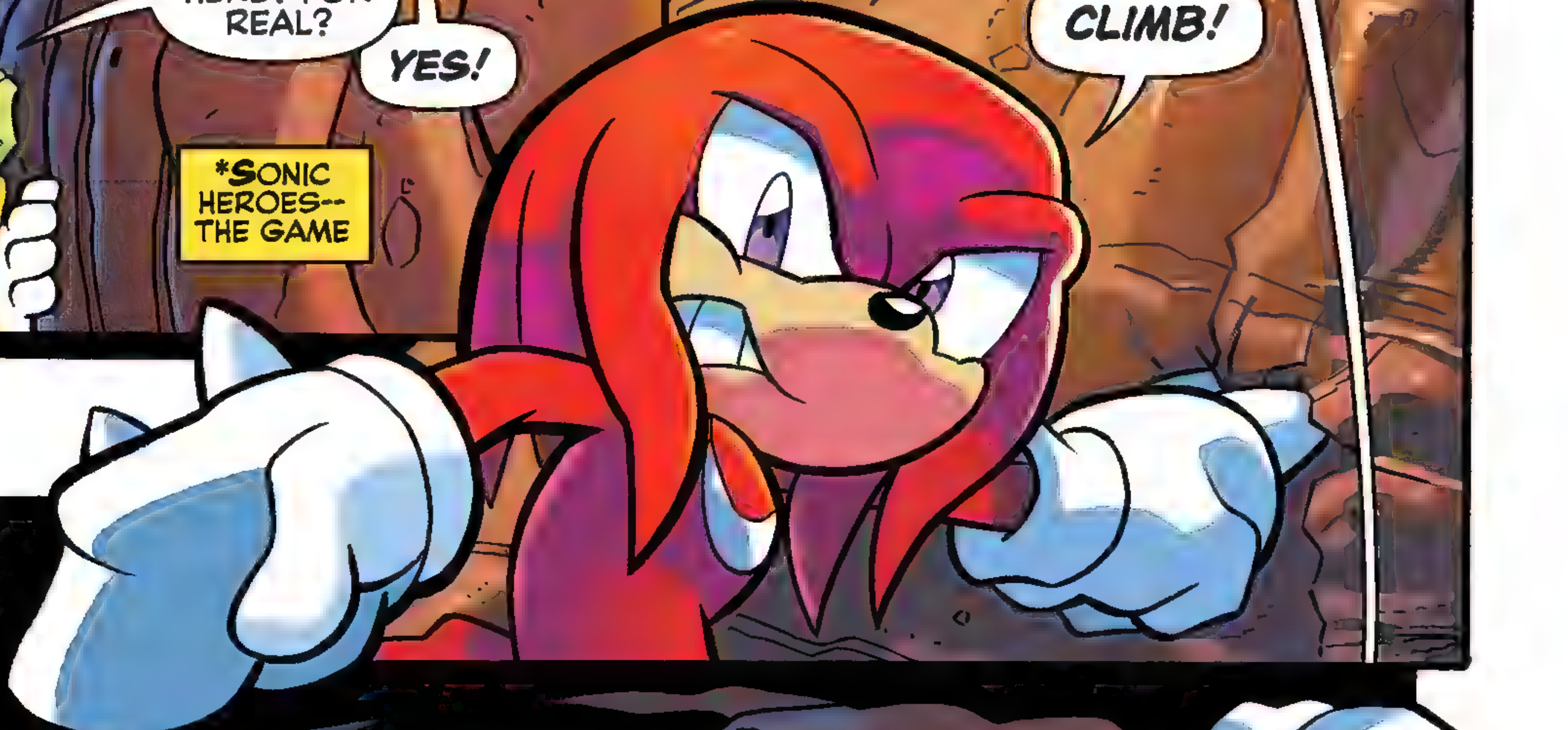
\*SONIC HEROES-- THE GAME



Oh, DON'T YOU TWO START! I SAID I'D *HELP* FIND THE EMERALD, NOT DO EVERYTHING MYSELF!

YEAH, BUT...

CLIMB!

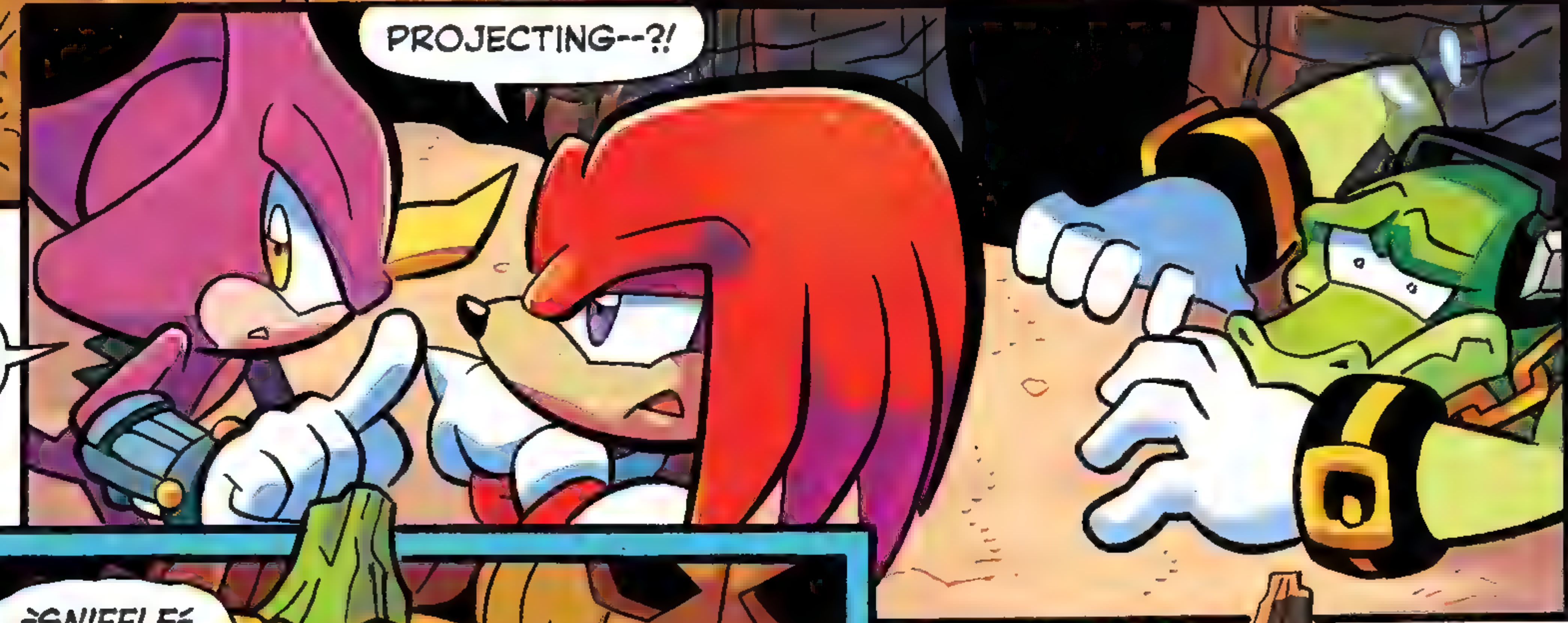


HONESTLY--  
YOU'RE A NINJA.  
HOW ARE YOU  
AFRAID OF  
GHOSTS?

NOBODY  
SAID I WAS  
AFRAID. I  
THINK YOU'RE  
PROJECTING.

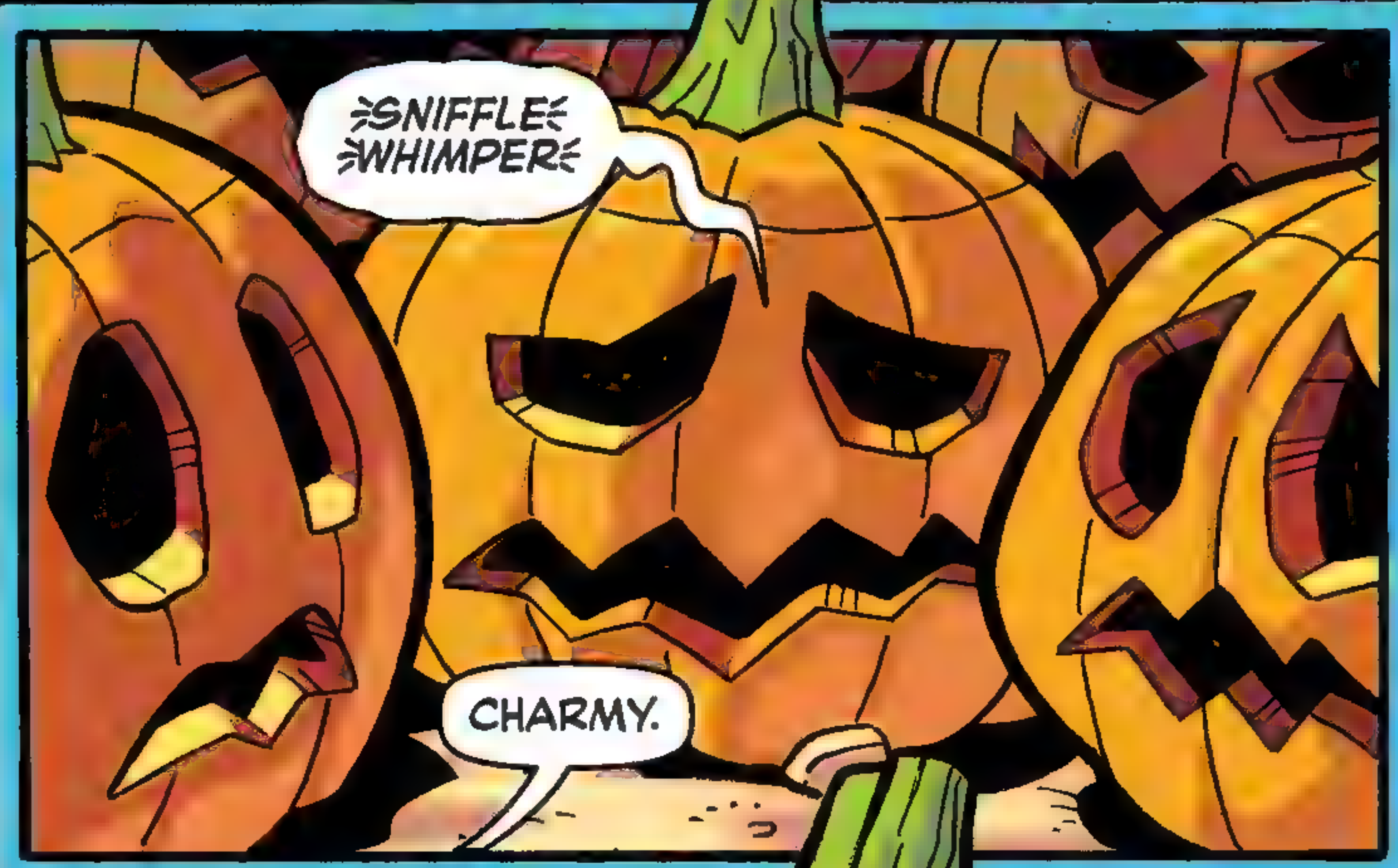
PROJECTING---?!

Shh!  
LISTEN!



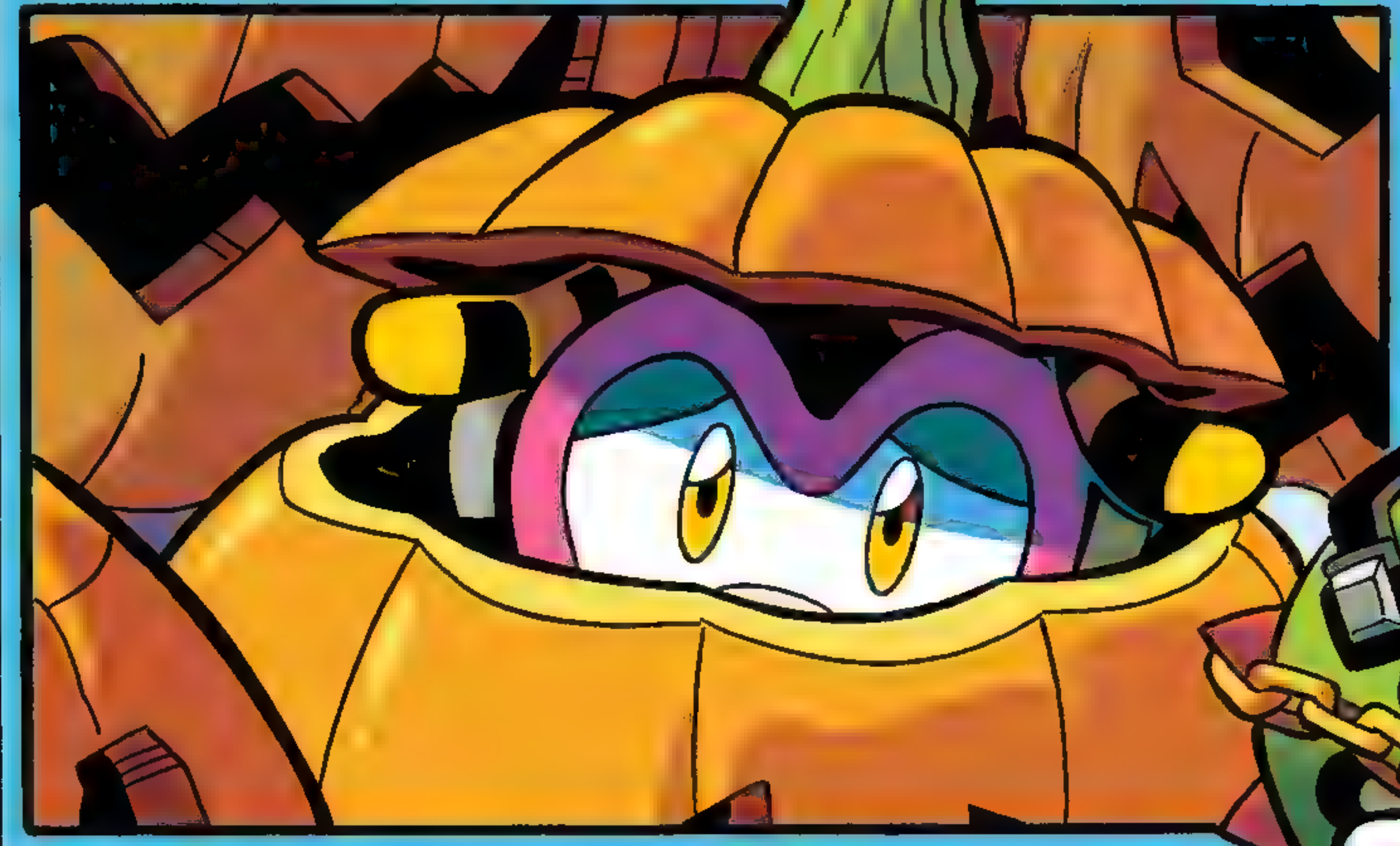
SNIFFLE  
WHIMPER

CHARMY.



WE'RE FINE,  
BY THE WAY. DID  
YOU NOTICE THAT  
YOU DROPPED US  
INTO A BOTTOM-  
LESS ABYSS?

SNIFFE  
... SORRY.  
I--I...





...BUT...BUT THE GHOSTS...

WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF GHOSTS?!



BECAUSE THEY'RE GHOSTS?! DUH?!!

AND YOU JUST TRASHED A BUNCH OF MONSTERS TEN MINUTES AGO. YOU HELPED FIGHT METAL OVERLORD. YOU'VE TANGLED WITH DR. EGGMAN AND HIS BADNIKS.



YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHAOTIX. YOU DEAL WITH DANGEROUS STUFF CONSTANTLY, AND YOU'VE HANDLED IT EVERY TIME.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE RIGHT! IF I CAN DO ALL THAT, I CAN DO ANYTHING! I AIN'T 'FRAID OF NO GHOSTS! I'M AWESOME!!



I'M SUPER-SORRY FOR DROPPING YOU GUYS! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

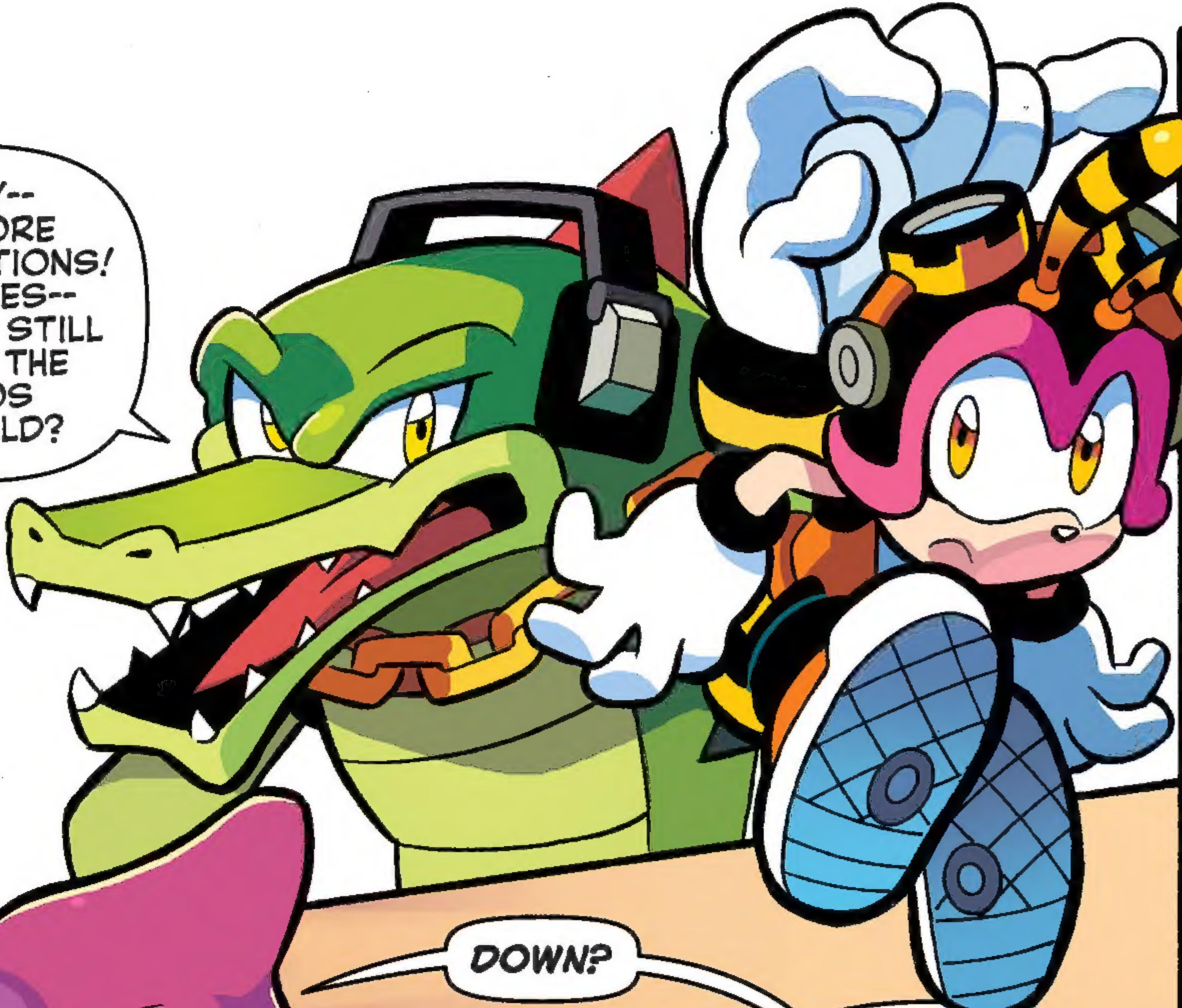
GAH!

NICELY DONE. YOU'VE GOT A WAY WITH KIDS.



...I JUST STATED THE FACTS.

OKAY--  
NO MORE  
DISTRACTIONS!  
KNUCKLES--  
CAN YOU STILL  
SENSE THE  
CHAOS  
EMERALD?



...YES. IT'S  
STILL ON THE  
MOVE. IT FEELS  
LIKE IT'S GOING  
FURTHER...  
DOWN?

DOWN?

WHAT'S AT  
THE BOTTOM OF  
THIS CANYON  
BEYOND  
SHADOWS  
AND DUST?



ACTUALLY, THERE'S  
A WHOLE MINING  
NETWORK UNDER  
PUMPKIN HILL. IT  
SEEMS ABANDONED,  
THOUGH. PROBABLY  
BECAUSE OF  
THE GHO...

...CIRCUMSTANCES.



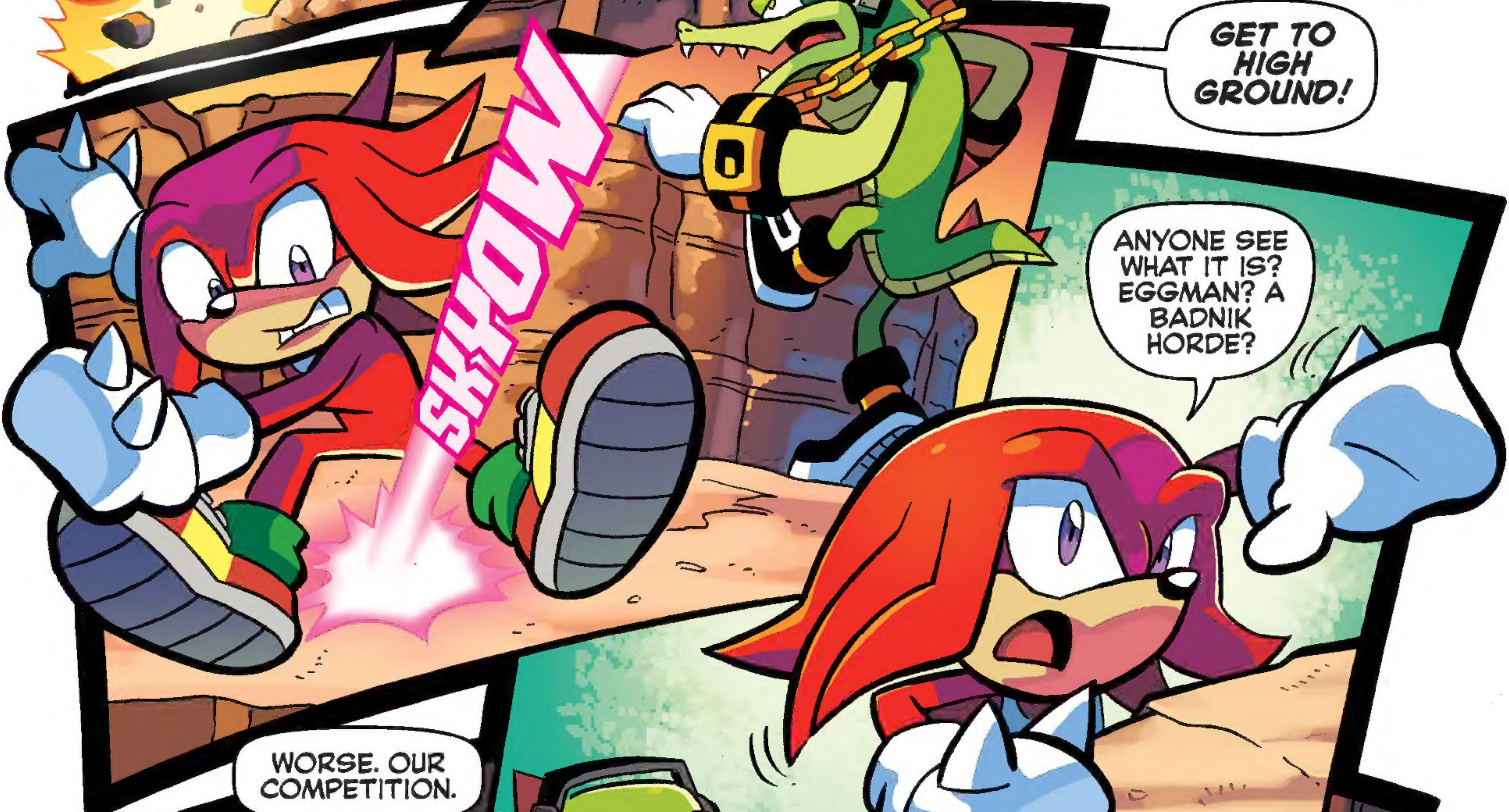
BUT IF EGGMAN'S  
CRONIES HAVE THE  
EMERALD, WHY ARE  
THEY GOING *DEEPER*  
UNDERGROUND?

BECAUSE THEY'RE  
"LOW-LIFES"?

UGH!  
REALLY,  
CHARMY?



GET TO  
HIGH  
GROUND!



ANYONE SEE  
WHAT IT IS?  
EGGMAN? A  
BADNIK  
HORDE?

WORSE. OUR  
COMPETITION.



**BARK the  
POLAR  
BEAR  
SILENT  
BRUISER**

**NACK the  
WEASEL  
FANGED  
SNIPER**

**BEAN the  
DYNAMITE  
DUCK  
MAD  
BOMBER**

LOOKIE WHO  
IT IS! THE  
"MORONIX"!  
GUEST-STARRING  
"CHUCKLES"!

RUN ALONG  
NOW--BEFORE  
SOMEBODY  
GETS HURT!

**The**

# **HOOOLIGANS**

**DIRTY WORK FOR DIRT CHEAP**

**NEXT**

**CHAOTIX™ vs. HOOOLIGANS!**

**KNUCKLES GETS A STARTLING LEAD ON HIS QUEST!  
MORE ACTION! MORE SURPRISES!**

**MORE MONSTERS!**

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